



DCFS Latino Advisory Council
1026 S. Damen
Chicago, IL 60612

May 16, 2018 8:30am – 5:00pm
Conference # (605) 475-4865 - Access Code 864378#

Chair-Person:

Juanita Calderon

Past Chair-Person:

Jose Alex Medina

Chair-Elect:

Nancy Rodriguez

Scribe:

Dulce Ramirez

DCFS Members:

Julia Camacho de M.
Vanessa Castro
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Sydnie Juarez
Azalea Mejia
Beatriz Ramirez
Liliana Romero

POS Members:

Jennifer Contreras
Yvonne Cordero
Lisa Marie Perez
Yeni Rojas

Ex-officio Members:

Jose J. Lopez, OLS
Lourdes Rodriguez

Committees:

Child Safety and
Permanency

Community Risk
Reduction and
Staffing

Data validity and
Disproportionality

Strategic
Communications

Latino Family
Institute

Amended Minutes

Present: Juanita Calderon, Vanessa Castro (by phone) Maria Hernandez. Sydnie Juarez
Nancy Rodriguez, Liliana Romero

Ex-Oficio Members: Jose J. Lopez

Excused: Julia Camacho de Monzón, Jennifer Contreras, Yvonne Cordero,
Maritza Lopez, Jose Alex Medina, Dulce Patrón, Lisa Marie Perez, Beatriz
Ramirez, Yeni Rojas, Karla Soriano, Lourdes Rodriguez

Guests: Robin Velenzuela and Keila Cruz

A. Welcome/Team Building/Vision Casting

9:20am

Juanita Calderón led an activity to better know each other. What
song/music motivates in you in the morning?

B. Review and Approval of September& October minutes

Minutes were not available for review.

C. Office of Latino Services

Jose J. Lopez reported on the Latino Unity Day in Springfield. There were 300 in attendance
during the day and about 600 in the evening event. IAHSE met with state directors and the
Lt. Governor. DCFS was brought up as a model for having a Latino Advisory Council.

D. Burgos Coordinator

Juanita Calderón reported that there had been a meeting with Maggie Poteau and all the
councils, Executive Boards, and Chair Elects. Lourdes Rodriguez will report at the next
meeting.

E. Committee Reports

a. Child Safety & Permanency

Tabled

b. Community Risk Reduction & Staffing

Tabled

c. Data Validity & Disproportionality

There was discussion amongst those present regarding worker
caseloads/hinting/retention and Office of Affirmative Action Report

d. Strategic Communications

Committee members are working on online distribution of information

F. Old/New Business

- a. Next Meeting Details** – The next meeting will be a mid-year year “retreat” to coincide
with the fiscal year and will occur at the National Museum of Mexican Art.
- b. Follow-up:** An email will be sent to Lourdes Rodriguez regarding the dates sent for a
meeting with the Director.
- c. Announcement:** There will be an Open House at MALDEF, 535 N. Clark Street, 45th Fl. in
Chicago on 5/23/18 at 5:30pm. Call 213-629-2512 to RSVP, the New MALDEF Chicago
Office Director will be announced.

Juanita Calderon Scribe